BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2003-77-C - ORDER NO. 2003-361

MAY 30, 2003

IN RE: Application of BellSouth Public Communications,) ORDER

Inc. for Approval to divest itself of its Assets.) GRANTING

) EXTENSION

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Motion of The Women's Shelter in this docket for an extension of time to file its Reply.

As noted in the Motion, on or about May 23, 2003, BellSouth Public Communications, Inc. (BellSouth) served The Women's Shelter with its eighteen page Response to The Women's Shelter Motion to Hold Proceeding in Abeyance and Petition to Intervene. According to The Women's Shelter, the BellSouth Response raises several substantive issues of fact, law, and public policy, and challenges the Commission's authority to impose any limitations or conditions on BellSouth's exit from the payphone business as requested in the Application of BellSouth for Approval To Divest Itself of Its Assets. The Women's Shelter provides several examples of the matters raised in BellSouth's Response.

The Women's Shelter asserts that to more completely brief the issues contained in BellSouth's Response, The Women's Shelter requires additional time to file its Reply.

Accordingly, The Women's Shelter requests an extension until **June 25, 2003** to file its

Reply to BellSouth's Response. BellSouth has no objection to the extension. We would

also note that the South Carolina Public Communications Association (SCPCA) filed on

May 27, 2003 a Response to the Petition of The Women's Shelter to Intervene and The

Women's Shelter's Motion to Hold Proceeding in Abeyance. Accordingly, we grant the

extension sought by The Women's Shelter. The Women's Shelter shall have until June

25, 2003 to file its Reply to BellSouth's Response. The Women's Shelter may also file a

Reply to the SCPCA Response by June 25, 2003, if The Women's Shelter deems it

appropriate to do so.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the

Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Mignon L. Clyburn

Chairman

ATTEST:

Gary E. Walsh
Executive Director

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